Community Project last referred to. Out of the estimated cost of the Thulyabhaga lift irrigation scheme, a sum of Rs. 1,00,000 has been lent to the Electricity department by the Community Project Administration. The balance of Rs. 50,000 has been subscribed by the ryots concerned and the work is likely to take shape in course of time. No judgment should be passed about that Community Project at this stage. In other Community Projects, the work is totally different and a large amount of actual work has been done."

Procurement of paddy in Andhra districts.

* 424 Q.—Sri G. RAMA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the quantity of paddy procured according to the Levy orders of Government in the Andhra districts this year;

(*b*) the quantity of paddy and rice sent to other districts from Andhra districts; and

(*c*) the stock-position of foodgrains (stock available with Government) for Andhra districts?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) to (*c*) Statements[a] are placed on the table of the House."

SRI G. RAMA RAO :—" The figures given in the statement placed on the table relate to the period up to 29th March 1953. I do not know how much paddy was removed from the districts comprising the Northern Circars since then. At present the food position is very bad even in Krishna district which is one of the food-producing centres. The agricultural labourer is clamouring for food even to-day. The landlords are not releasing for sale the food stocks available with them, because they expect a higher price later on. Will the Government open fair price shops in all the villages of the Krishna district? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" We are opening fair price shops wherever there is need."

SRI K. GOVINDA RAO :—" Has it come to the notice of the Government that foodgrains have been exported from deficit districts like Visakhapatnam and that godowns have been emptied to the last grain? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I do not know what he means by exports. We have formed zones and the movement of paddy or rice within each zone is not controlled at all."

MR. SPEAKER :—" I have placed fifty questions for to-day and I want to finish all the questions within the question hour."

[a] Printed as Appendix II on pages 89–90 infra.

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SRI C. V. K. RAO :—" Sir, I would like you to allow us to put some more supplementary questions on this question concerning food."

MR. SPEAKER :—" I have received answers for 720 questions. Probably this sitting will last only for fifteen days. I want to finish during this sitting all the questions for which answers have been received. To-day I have placed fifty questions and I want to finish them within the question hour."

SRI K. RAJAGOPALA RAO :—" On a point of order, Sir. We quite understand your difficulty in conducting the proceedings. At the same time you must allow us to put some more supplementary questions, because this is an important question."

MR. SPEAKER :—" The Speaker knows his duty."

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" Sir, I would like to offer an explanation. It is not at all the intention of anybody here to question the discretion of the Speaker. But it is necessary to bring to the notice of the Speaker certain questions which we consider are of great importance and on which we feel that sufficient supplementary questions must be allowed so that public attention may be rivetted on those questions. It is from this point of view that the hon. Member who spoke previously appealed to you and I request you to allow more supplementary questions when such questions come up before the House."

Number of unemployed persons registered at the Employment Exchanges.

* 425 *Q.*—SRI K. KRISHNA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) with reference to the answer to the unstarred question No. 83, dated 2nd December 1952, of the nearly 7½ lakhs of unemployed in the State registered at the Employment Exchanges for the past six years, how many are—

(1) Graduates in Arts;

(2) Graduates in Medicine;

(3) Graduates in Civil, Electrical and Mechanical Engineering; and

(4) persons who hold diplomas from technical institutes run by Government; and

(*b*) what steps the State Government have taken to provide employment to the 7½ lakhs of registered unemployed from 1st April to 31st December 1952?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" (*a*) Except in the Regional Employment office at Madras no separate records are maintained showing statistics of Graduates in Arts, Medicine, etc. 11-20 a.m.